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$$B_q = \sqrt{\sum_{n=0}^{W-1} \frac{\{(s_{\min}^*[n] - s_{\max}^*[n]) \cdot w[n]\}^2}{12}} \quad (I)$$

$s_{\min}^*[n]$ represents the minimum quantization noise level for a specific sample value $s^*[n]$ of said PCM signal, $s_{\max}^*[n]$ represents the maximum quantization noise level for the specific sample value $s^*[n]$ of the PCM signal, $w[n]$ represents a window-function and W represents the number of samples per window. Subsequently, the quantization noise as represented by said quantization noise level B_q has to be subtracted from said PCM signal, preferably with the help of a suitable background noise subtracting system.

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to method and unit for subtracting quantization noise from a pulse code modulated PCM signal being segmented into frames. For achieving this it is proposed to first calculate for each frame of said PCM signal a quantization noise level B_q according to the following equation (I) wherein n indicates a specific sample of the PCM signal,

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